



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE: AOR 2006-14

Dear Ms. Laham and Mr. Renaud,

This refers to your letters received on March 24 and April 6, 2006, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of the National Restaurant Association's political action committee ("NRA PAC"), concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission regulations to a proposal by NRA PAC to communicate with the general public to expressly advocate the election or defeat of, and solicit contributions to, certain clearly identified candidates for Federal office. NRA PAC also proposed to solicit contributions from the general public earmarked for Federal candidates, which NRA PAC would then collect and forward to the designated candidates.

Earlier today, the Commission considered Agenda Document No. 06-44, a copy of which is enclosed. Agenda Document No. 06-44 contained three alternative draft advisory opinions (Drafts A, B, and C) responding to your request. The Commission voted on Draft C, which failed by a vote of 3-2. *See* 2 U.S.C. 437c(c) and 437d(a)(7) (approval of an advisory opinion requires the affirmative vote of four members of the Commission). The Commission did not vote on Draft A or Draft B. No other motions were voted upon.

Accordingly, pursuant to Commission regulations at 11 CFR 112.4(a), you are hereby advised that with this letter the Commission has concluded its consideration of Advisory Opinion Request 2006-14.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

Enclosures